

MAJOR WRIGHT'S PLEA.

He Requests Federal Aid for the Southern Negro.

Washington, D. C., April 10.—Testifying before the Industrial Commission to-day Major R. R. Wright, a colored man and president of the Industrial College located near Savannah, Ga., advocated national aid in the education of the Negro. He did not consider the Southern States financially able to give the necessary assistance. He also would have the Government agricultural experiment stations duplicated because of the difficulties in the way of



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making the existing stations available for the benefit of the colored race.

Despite natural difficulties Mr. Wright contended that the colored people are advancing. He asserted that the charge that the colored man is a burden to his white neighbor is not true and showed that there are now over 1,000,000 acres of farm land owned by Negroes in Georgia. Including this land the Negroes of the State pay taxes upon \$14,000,000 worth of property. He said that as a rule the successful Negroes were not the ex-slaves, but he expressed the opinion that if the Government had given the colored men a mule and 40 acres of land instead of conferring the ballot upon them, it would have been for the benefit of all.

Asked for his opinion concerning the effect of the disfranchisement of the Negro upon his future prospect, Mr. Wright replied that individually he thought it a mistake to take the ballot from any one at this late day, but he added that he did not believe that the ballot had been of any especial benefit to the colored man.

"Very few colored people in the South," he said, "take any interest in politics, and except in the cities they have come to the conclusion that they have no business with politics.—Ex.

A SOLDIER HOME AGAIN.

Lieut. Moore Loses Large Checks—The Political Pot Again Boiling—Queen City Melange and News Notes.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Special.—My old friend James H. Clark has re-entered society, and has accepted a position at the Grant Hotel. Stay with them Jim.

Mr. Editor: In last issue I mentioned several names who I thought would like to receive the nomination as candidate for the legislature. In this week's issue I have a few more names to add to the list. Among them are Mr. William L. Anderson, an author and writer well-known in this city, and a gentleman whom the race may well feel proud of. Now the next is Attorney A. L. Dalton whom I understand the Fleischman club are booming for

the nomination. A member of that organization said to me to day, that who ever received the nomination would be a member of that organization. I might let the matter drop right where it is without the mention of any more names as it is a long time before the convention.

In the last two weeks the Queen City has been a dead one, as far as society is concerned.

Mr. Thomas Shipp dropped dead last week at the place he was employed as porter, Charles & Son, 49 East Fourth street.

Mr. Leny Huey who was at one time headwaiter at the Emery Hotel this city, now second headwaiter at the Florentine Hotel at Huntington, W. Va. Mr. Huly leaves the city about May the first.

The members of the A. M. E. Zion church, George and Mound streets, gave a musical and literary entertainment last Wednesday night. The program consisted of the best talent from the different churches of the city. The members of the refreshment committee were Mesdames Frank Hodges, Gertrude Frounk and Mary Giles; W. J. Burdine, manager.

Mr. Joseph Moore, a Second Lieutenant in the Forty-Eighth United States Infantry, reported the loss of pay checks amounting to \$1,004 to the police last week. The checks were paid him by the sub-treasury in New York, but fortunately for Moore the checks were not indorsed. He exhibited checks of different denominations, which also formed part of his pay, accumulated during his two years service in the Philippines, to substantiate his statement.

Promenade concert was given by the members of the Good Samaritans at the Odd Fellow's Hall, last Wednesday night. It is often the case that the editor or the correspondent receives mail for publication that is impossible for the best scholar in the country to read, so it is impossible to publish such letters. Now when you meet the party that sent the article he will ask, "Did you publish my letter?" Your answer is, "No." Then the party tells you he does not want the paper any longer, as it is no good—because it does not publish the news he sends. That is a great fault of the Negro race—blames some one else when it is the fault of himself.

The mess for the next issue is being cooked up. J.

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"League" night at the Bethel Literary, Tuesday, April 23 when according to the request of the President Mr. Kelly Miller, short papers will be read on questions affecting the interests of colored women in this community. The program will be varied by vocal and instrumental music.

Recorder Cheatham Banqueted

A complimentary banquet and dinner was tendered Hon. Henry Plummer Cheatham, Recorder of Deeds by the lawyers of the District bar last Wednesday evening, April 17th. The event took place in the banquet parlors of Gaskins and Gains on 8th street, and covers were laid for twenty. A most toothsome menu was served and the few hours were pleasantly spent. Witty speeches and anecdotes were interspersed and many flattering tributes paid to the sterling worth of the Ex-Congressman and Recorder. The consensus of sentiment at the close of the feast was, "Long live Henry P. Cheatham, Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia."

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$8,272 80
Other stock, bonds and mortgages	164,423 83
Due from National Banks ..	48,383 22
Banking House	14,000 00
Other real estates	99,588 00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,850 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	1,388 99
Specie, nickels and cents	12,399 80
Paper currency	35,820 00

Total 391,120 84

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	88,125 00
Surplus fund	80,957 81
Undivided profits	6,826 80
Demand certificate of deposit	96,786 29
Time certificates of deposit ..	118,424 74

Total 391,120 64

The Reformer's Grocery and Feed Store is located at 501 North Sixth St., Richmond, Va., and members of the Order and the public generally are saved 20 per cent. on the cost of food products.

THE REFORMER is the newspaper published by the order from its own office in Richmond, Va. It stands for the voice of the people, representing cooperation and combination of the race and is the Beacon Light, the Headlight, the General Messenger and the General Agent of the Brotherhood. It is \$1.00 per year. A well equipped job office bids for the work of the people, which is turned out in first class style and at low prices.

Six miles from Richmond, in Henrico County, Va., the Order has purchased 634 acres of land, and established thereon an "Old Folk's Home". With unexampled liberality and broad-minded generosity, the Order does not limit entrance to this home to its members alone, nor even to members families, but the doors are opened to the aged and decrepid of the whole race, regardless of their residence or connections. The Order makes itself the trustee for this glorious charity, and calls upon the whole people, black and white, North, East, South and West to assist by their contribution the carrying out of this praiseworthy idea. April 3rd of each year is set apart as a Grand Rally Day for the Home. Contributions can be forwarded to the cashier of the Reformer's Savings Bank, who will send receipt for same and account for it to The Grand Fountain.

Members of the Order and the public, when visiting Richmond, Va., are invited to stop at The Hotel Reformer, 900 North Sixth St. It is in a pleasant and desirable location. Service is of the best and rates are reasonable.

The Real Estate Department manages and controls all property interests of the Order. The Order now owns 13 buildings, 4 farms, 4 dwellings, 1 hotel with a fee simple value of \$123,500. In addition to these the Order leases 18 buildings.

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